

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 188 - SB 314

March 2, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds as a sentencing enhancement factor that the defendant intentionally selected a victim of crime based on gender identity or expression.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Adding gender identity or expression to an existing enhancement factor that includes consideration of race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, and gender will have a not significant impact on the caseloads of the state trial courts or district attorneys general.
- Broadening the scope of one sentencing enhancement factor will make it applicable to more cases and courts will be able to impose longer sentences, but there will not be a significant increase in the number of cases or longer sentences. According to the Department of Correction, there will not be a significant impact on the number of admissions and therefore no significant impact on incarceration costs.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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